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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING ERECTILE SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION USING LIGHT ENERGY

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Method and Apparatus for Treating Erectile Sexual

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# Authorization and Request for One Month Extension of Time and Ratification of Previously-Filed Response

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Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

The undersigned attorney of record for the above identified application hereby ratifies and requests that the response letter dated August 14, 2007, submitted by an inventor and the representative of the assignee of this application, be considered as responsive to the office action of May 17, 2007. The status of the signatory to the August 14 letter is shown on that letter, and the assignment of this invention to the assignee is recorded at reel/frame 015435/0646.

A copy of the August 14 response letter, including a copy of the return receipt indicating receipt by the US PTO on August 23, 2007, is attached hereto.

This paper also constitutes a request for a one month extension of time to respond to the May 17, 2007 office action, thereby extending the time for response to and including September 17, 2007, if the US PTO considers the August 14 response letter not to have been received on a timely basis. This paper also constitutes

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authorization to charge the undersigned's **deposit account 12-1087** for the cost of the one month extension of time for a small entity.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to attempt to resolve any issue which would advance examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/791,653
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING ERECTILE SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION USING LIGHT ENERGY

Dear Mr. Farah.

Below is my response to the issues you raise concerning my patent application (application number 10/791,653; docket number 270.301). The following points distinguish my patent application as unique and different from those cited in your correspondence dated May 14, 2007.

- Regarding Sheinman, et al., Patent no. 6,241,752; "Method of treating for impotence and apparatus particularly useful in such method"
  - a. The Sheinman patent relegated to lasers
    - i. Our application is with light emitting diodes (LEDs).
    - ii. Thus our application addresses a completely different apparatus and method of light delivery from Sheinman.
  - b. The Sheinman patent monochromatic
    - Our application is polychromatic centering around wavelengths of 884 nanometers.
    - Thus our application consists of a different method and application of light from Sheinman.
  - The Sheinman patent provides a point of application which is moved along the length of the penis
    - i. Our application exposes the entire penis at one time.
    - ii. Thus our application consists of a different method and application of light with material and unique differences in tissue exposure and time to achieve said exposure as compared to Sheinman.
  - d. The Sheinman patent consists of a mechanical and light emitting apparatus for treatment of tissues, physically moving the light source in order to move the point of contact of the monochromatic laser light beam along the genital tissue.
    - Our application consists of a mechanically static apparatus which floods the genitalia with a geographically broad exposure of polychromatic infrared light.
    - ii. Thus our application consists of a materially and uniquely different apparatus for delivery (static vs mechanically moved) of a different type of light (polychromatic vs monochromatic) compared to that of Sheinmen.
  - e. The Sheinman patent addresses only male erectile dysfunction.
    - Our application also addresses Female sexual dysfunction through application of light energy to erectile tissues (eg, labia minora, clitoral

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tissues and other surrounding tissues which require sanguineous engorgement of tissues) necessary for sexual response.

- II. Regarding Boutos Patent no. 5,571,118; "Apparatus for stimulating penile, scrotal, anal, vaginal and clitoral tissue"
  - a. The Boutos patent employs electrical current to achieve desired effects
    - i. Our patent employs light energy of infrared and near infrared wavelengths to achieve female and male sexual response.
    - II. Thus our application consists of an entirely different and unique method and apparatus for achieving sexual response from genital tissues as compared to Boutos (ie, light energy vs electrical current).
  - The Boutos patent employs a mechanism of action of direct electrical stimulation of electrically conductive nerve pathways in human tissues in order to bring about treatment benefits.
    - Our application employs a mechanism of action of light stimulation of tissue causing release of endogenous nitric oxide, which in turn, causes relaxation of vasculature resulting in sanguineous engorgement of genital tissues.
    - ii. Thus our application employs an entirely unique and different mechanism of action to achieve treatment goals of sexual response.
  - The Boutos patent relies on direct electrical stimulation of nervous pathways to achieve organ from tissues.
    - i. Our application relies on enabling response to normal, natural or other physical stimulation of genital tissues to achieve orgasm. This is achieved through light energy stimulated release of endogenous nitric oxide in genital vasculature resulting in vasodilation and enablement of a natural response to normal sexual activity.
    - ii. Thus our application uniquely and materially differs from Boutos in enabling a natural sexual response in tissue compared to direct and artificial nervous stimulation through outside application of electrical nerve signaling.

I would therefore request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office proceed with my patent application on the basis of its uniqueness and usefulness.

Sincerely,

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